

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re : Application of Allen et al.  
For : **UNDERLAY STRUCTURE FOR INCREASED CROWN  
STIFFENING**  
Serial No. :  
Filed : concurrently herewith  
Group Art Unit :  
Examiner :  
Attorney Docket No. : DN2002023D01

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**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-12.

**REMARKS**

Favorable examination and consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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